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§ 11.85 Does FAA invite public comment on petitions for exemption?

Yes, FAA publishes information about petitions for exemption in the FEDERAL REGISTER. The information includes—

- (a) The docket number of the petition;
- (b) The citation to the rule or rules from which the petitioner requested relief;
- (c) The name of the petitioner;
- (d) The petitioner's summary of the action requested and the reasons for requesting it; and
- (e) A request for comments to assist FAA in evaluating the petition.

§ 11.87 Are there circumstances in which FAA may decide not to publish a summary of my petition for exemption?

The FAA may not publish a summary of your petition for exemption and request comments if you present or we find good cause why we should not delay action on your petition. The factors we consider in deciding not to request comment include:

- (a) Whether granting your petition would set a precedent.
- (b) Whether the relief requested is identical to exemptions granted previously.
- (c) Whether our delaying action on your petition would affect you adversely.
- (d) Whether you filed your petition in a timely manner.

§ 11.89 How much time do I have to submit comments to FAA on a petition for exemption?

The FAA states the specific time allowed for comments in the FEDERAL REGISTER notice about the petition. We usually allow 20 days to comment on a petition for exemption.

§ 11.91 How does FAA inform me of its decision on my petition for exemption?

- (a) The FAA will notify you in writing about its decision on your petition.
- (b) The FAA publishes a summary in the FEDERAL REGISTER that includes—
 - (1) The docket number of your petition;
 - (2) Your name;

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- (3) The citation to the rules from which you requested relief;
- (4) A brief description of the general nature of the relief requested;
- (5) Whether FAA granted or denied the request;
- (6) The date of FAA's decision; and
- (7) An exemption number.

§ 11.101 May I ask FAA to reconsider my petition for rulemaking or petition for exemption if it is denied?

Yes, you may petition FAA to reconsider your petition denial. You must submit your request to the address to which you sent your original petition, and FAA must receive it within 60 days after we issued the denial. For us to accept your petition, show the following:

- (a) That you have a significant additional fact and why you did not present it in your original petition;
- (b) That we made an important factual error in our denial of your original petition; or
- (c) That we did not correctly interpret a law, regulation, or precedent.

Subpart B—Paperwork Reduction Act Control Numbers

§ 11.201 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control numbers assigned under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

(a) The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520) requires FAA to get approval from OMB for our information collection activities, and to list a record of those approvals in the FEDERAL REGISTER. This subpart lists the control numbers OMB assigned to FAA's information collection activities.

(b) The table listing OMB control numbers assigned to FAA's information collection activities follows:

14 CFR part or section identified and described	Current OMB control number
Part 14	2120–0539
Part 17	2120–0632
Part 21	2120–0018, 2120–0552
Part 34	2120–0508
Part 39	2120–0056
Part 43	2120–0020
Part 45	2120–0508
Part 47	2120–0024, 2120–0042
Part 49	2120–0043
Part 61	2120–0021, 2120–0034, 2120–0543, 2120–0571

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Part 63	2120-0007
Part 65	2120-0022, 2120-0535, 2120-0571, 2120-0648
Part 67	2120-0034, 2120-0543
Part 77	2120-0001
Part 91	2120-0005, 2120-0026, 2120-0027, 2120-0573, 2120-0606, 2120-0620, 2120-0631, 2120-0651
Part 93	2120-0524, 2120-0606, 2120-0639
Part 101	2120-0027
Part 105	2120-0027, 2120-0641
Part 107	2120-0075, 2120-0554, 2120-0628
Part 108	2120-0098, 2120-0554, 2120-0577, 2120-0628, 2120-0642
Part 109	2120-0505
Part 119	2120-0593
Part 121	2120-0008, 2120-0028, 2120-0535, 2120-0571, 2120-0600, 2120-0606, 2120-0614, 2120-0616, 2120-0631, 2120-0651, 2120-0653
Part 125	2120-0028, 2120-0085, 2120-0616, 2120-0651
Part 129	2120-0028, 2120-0536, 2120-0616, 2120-0638
Part 133	2120-0044
Part 135	2120-0003, 2120-0028, 2120-0039, 2120-0535, 2120-0571, 2120-0600, 2120-0606, 2120-0614, 2120-0616, 2120-0620, 2120-0631, 2120-0653
Part 137	2120-0049
Part 139	2120-0045, 2120-0063
Part 141	2120-0009
Part 142	2120-0570
Part 145	2120-0003, 2120-0010, 2120-0571
Part 147	2120-0040
Part 150	2120-0517
Part 157	2120-0036
Part 158	2120-0557
Part 161	2120-0563
Part 171	2120-0014
Part 183	2120-0033, 2120-0604
Part 193	2120-0646
Part 198	2120-0514
Part 400	2120-0643, 2120-0644, 0649
Part 401	2120-0608
Part 440	2120-0601
SFAR 36	2120-0507
SFAR 64	2120-0573
SFAR 71	2120-0620

APPENDIX 1 TO PART 11—ORAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC DURING RULEMAKING

1. What is an ex parte contact?

“Ex parte” is a Latin term that means “one sided,” and indicates that not all parties to an issue were present when it was discussed. An ex parte contact involving rulemaking is any communication between FAA

and someone outside the government regarding a specific rulemaking proceeding, before that proceeding closes. A rulemaking proceeding does not close until we publish the final rule or withdraw the NPRM. Because an ex parte contact excludes other interested persons, including the rest of the public, from the communication, it may give an unfair advantage to one party, or appear to do so.

2. Are written comments to the docket ex parte contacts?

Written comments submitted to the docket are not ex parte contacts because they are available for inspection by all members of the public.

3. What is DOT policy on ex parte contacts?

It is DOT policy to provide for open development of rules and to encourage full public participation in rulemaking actions. In addition to providing opportunity to respond in writing to an NPRM and to appear and be heard at a hearing, DOT policy encourages agencies to contact the public directly when we need factual information to resolve questions of substance. It also encourages DOT agencies to be receptive to appropriate contacts from persons affected by or interested in a proposed action. But under some circumstances an ex parte contact could affect the basic openness and fairness of the rulemaking process. Even the appearance of impropriety can affect public confidence in the process. For this reason, DOT policy sets careful guidelines for these contacts. The kind of ex parte contacts permitted and the procedures we follow depend on when the contact occurs in the rulemaking process.

4. What kinds of ex parte contacts does DOT policy permit before we issue an ANPRM, NPRM, Supplemental NPRM, or immediately adopted final rule?

The DOT policy authorizes ex parte contacts that we need to obtain technical and economic information. We need this information to decide whether to issue a regulation and what it should say. Each contact that influences our development of the regulation is noted in the preamble. For multiple contacts that are similar, we may provide only a general discussion. For contacts not discussed in the preamble, we place a report discussing each contact or group of related contacts in the rulemaking docket when it is opened.

5. Does DOT policy permit ex parte contacts during the comment period?

No, during the comment period, the public docket is available for written comments from any member of the public. These comments can be examined and responded to by any interested person. Because this public forum is available, DOT policy discourages

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ex parte contacts during the comment period. They are not necessary to collect the information the agency needs to make its decision.

6. *What if the FAA believes it needs to meet with members of the public to discuss the proposal?*

If the FAA determines that it would be helpful to invite members of the public to make oral presentations to it regarding the proposal, we will announce a public meeting in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

7. *Are any oral contacts concerning the proposal permitted during the comment period?*

If you contact the agency with questions regarding the proposal during the comment period, we can only provide you with information that has already been made available to the general public. If you contact the agency to discuss the proposal, you will be told that the proper avenue of communication during the comment period is a written communication to the docket.

8. *If a substantive ex parte contact does occur during the comment period, what does FAA do?*

While FAA tries to ensure that FAA personnel and the public are aware of DOT policy, substantive ex parte contacts do occasionally occur, for example, at meetings not intended for that purpose. In such a case, we place a summary of the contact and a copy of any materials provided at the meeting in the rulemaking docket. We encourage participants in such a meeting to file written comments in the docket.

9. *Does DOT policy permit ex parte contacts the comment period has closed?*

DOT policy strongly discourages ex parte contacts initiated by commenters to discuss their position on the proposal once the comment period has closed. Such a contact at this time would be improper, since other interested persons would not have an opportunity to respond. If we need further information regarding a comment in the docket, we may request this from a commenter. A record of this contact and the information provided is placed in the docket. If we need to make other contacts to update factual information, such as economic data, we will disclose this information in the final rule docket or in the economic studies accompanying it, which are available in the docket.

10. *What if FAA needs to meet with interested persons to discuss the proposal after the comment period has closed?*

If FAA determines that it would be helpful to meet with a person or group after the close of the comment period to discuss a course of action to be taken, we will announce the meeting in the FEDERAL REG-

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ISTER. We will also consider reopening the comment period. If an inappropriate ex parte contact does occur after the comment period closes, a summary of the contact and a copy of any material distributed during meeting will be placed in the docket if it could be seen as influencing the rulemaking process.

11. *Under what circumstances will FAA reopen the comment period?*

If we receive an ex parte communication after the comment period has closed that could substantially influence the rulemaking, we may reopen the comment period. DOT policy requires the agency to carefully consider whether the substance of the contact will give the commenter an unfair advantage, since the rest of the public may not see the record of the contact in the docket. When the substance of a proposed rule is significantly changed as a result of such an oral communication, DOT policy and practice requires that the comment period be reopened by issuing a supplemental NPRM in which the reasons for the change are discussed.

12. *What if I have important information for FAA and the comment period is closed?*

You may always provide FAA with written information after the close of the comment period and it will be considered if time permits. Because contacts after the close of the comment may not be seen by other interested persons, if they substantially and specifically influence the FAA's decision, we may need to reopen the comment period.

PART 13—INVESTIGATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

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- 13.16 Civil penalties: Federal Aviation Act of 1958, involving an amount in controversy not exceeding \$50,000; Hazardous Materials Transportation Act.
- 13.17 Seizure of aircraft.